

2. Specification Amendments

Please amend paragraphs [0021], [0024], [0026], [0028], and [0029] of the specification as follows:

[0021] With reference to Figs. 1 and 2, the preferred embodiment of the present invention may be described. The preferred embodiment comprises a base 10 that forms the main compartment of the purse. ~~Base 10 is comprised of front wall 12, back wall 14, end walls 16, and bottom wall 18.~~ The top of base 10 remains open. While the preferred embodiment comprises a base 10 shaped approximately as a rectangular box with an open top, the invention is not so limited and alternative embodiments may comprise any number of different shapes, including without limitation square, cylindrical, and semi-cylindrical. Base 10 may be constructed of any material sufficiently rigid and durable to provide a supporting framework for the purse. While wood has been employed in the preferred embodiment, other material choices in alternative embodiments may include plastics and metals. It may also be noted that base 10 may be constructed in any size that is convenient. In the preferred embodiment, however, base 10 is constructed such that the purse is relatively shallow in order to avoid forcing the owner to "dig" blindly through the purse to find small items. Various types of pockets and compartments may be added to base 10 in order to organize items kept in the purse. Since the preferred embodiment may be configured in many different ways using the same base 10 as described below, and since various pockets and compartments may be added to base 10 for

purposes of organization, the user may dispense with the usual requirement of carrying a wallet within the purse if desired.

[0024] Wrap 22 is applied to base 10 in the manner shown in Fig. 3, with the finished closed purse shown in the preferred embodiment of Fig. 1. Wrap 22 forms both the outer covering of the purse (except for the exposed end walls 16) and the covering flap. Although only one wrap 22 is illustrated, the present invention comprises a plurality of wraps 22 in various fashionable colors and materials. Wrap 22 is preferably formed of a flexible material, which may be fabric or otherwise, to which multiple rigid panels are applied for strength. The Rigid panels 24 may be formed of cardboard, plastic, or any other sufficiently rigid material to provide shape and support for wrap 22, enabling the user to easily apply wrap 22 to base 10 as described hereafter. The panels may be either on the inside of a layered fabric material as shown in the illustrated preferred embodiment of Fig. 3, or adhered to the inside of the fabric. Small gaps in the application of the rigid panels 24 create creasing points at which wrap 22 may bend in order to fit around base 10. Thus in the illustrated preferred embodiment, five separate rigid panels 24 are employed, ~~corresponding to the lower portion of front wall 10, bottom wall 18, back wall 14, the open top of base 10, and the flap that extends over the top portion of front wall 10.~~ Other configurations in alternative embodiments will be employed in order to fit over the particular shape of base 10. It may be noted that due to the creasing points that result from this design of wrap 22, wrap 22 may be easily folded flat for storage while requiring minimal storage space.

[0026] After the end of wrap 22 opposite the flap is attached at front wall 12, the remaining portion of wrap 22 is wrapped around the bottom and back of base 10. ~~Additional hook and loop fasteners 26, placed at back wall 14 and optionally placed at bottom wall 18 as well, engage with wrap 22 and hold wrap 22 securely in place.~~ The user simply applies pressure at these points once each section of wrap 22 is fitted in place to engage the appropriate hook-and-loop fastener 26. Wrap 22 is then folded over the top of base 10, and the front flap portion of wrap 22 is draped over front wall 12. ~~In the preferred embodiment, a flap fastener 30 engages the front flap portion of wrap 22 with the opposite end of wrap 22 that is engaged below mirror 20.~~ An optional flap fastener (not shown) may be of any type that provides a sufficient engagement to hold down the front flap portion of wrap 22 and thereby retain the purse in the closed position, while being easily opened by the user. The flap fastener of the preferred embodiment may comprise, for example, a buckle or a hook-and-loop type fastener. In alternative embodiments, other portions of the inner surface of wrap 22 may be covered with either a hook- or loop-type fastener material such that additional items may be attached at various points, such as under the top section of wrap 22 that covers the open top of base 10. One possible accessory that may attach to wrap 22 in this manner is a pen. Alternatively, a pen holder could be attached. In either case, the item would have attached a hook- or loop-type fastener material as appropriate to receive and engage with the hook- or loop-type fastener material at the attachment point on wrap 22.

[0028] Referring now to Fig. 5 4, a method for attaching a decorative clip 34 to a wrap 22 of the preferred embodiment of the invention may be described. As already explained, the preferred embodiment comprises a plurality of wraps 22. Some wraps 22 may be designed for use without a decorative clip 34, while others will not. Further in the preferred embodiment, multiple decorative clips 34 are employed with respect to the various wraps 22 that are designed to receive a decorative clip 34. As a result, the user has many more options for purse configuration since multiple wraps 22 are available, and each wrap 22 may receive multiple clips 34. A user may, for example, desire to match the jewelry or accessories being worn with the chosen decorative clip 34, while matching wrap 22 to the clothes worn by the user. The employment of multiple wraps 22 and multiple decorative clips 34 makes this versatility possible.

[0029] Each decorative clip 34 engages with wrap 22 through aperture 38. ~~In the preferred embodiment, aperture 38 is positioned slightly above and vertically aligned with the wrap fastener. In alternative embodiments, aperture 38 may be located in any other location where a decorative clip 34 is desired, which may include in alternative embodiments multiple apertures 38 to receive multiple decorative clips 34 on some wraps 22.~~ Decorative clip 34 features hinge 40, which is hingeably attached to the back of decorative clip 34. Hinge 40 may be folded down where it is biased against the back of decorative clip 34, or may be folded upwards where it extends perpendicularly from the back of decorative clip 34. ~~To engage decorative clip 34 with wrap 22, fastener 30 is first disengaged so that the front flap portion of wrap 22 may be swung upward. Hinge 40 is then~~

~~folded upwards and inserted through aperture 38. Hinge 40 may then be folded downward, where it is biased back toward the back of decorative clip 34 and thereby traps a portion of wrap 22 between hinge 40 and the back of decorative clip 34. Decorative clip 34 is thus removably engaged with wrap 22, and wrap 22 may again be folded downwardly into a closed position with the engagement of fastener 30.~~